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Letter To The Editor

Mr. W. L. Vaughan
Editor, Times-Virginian
Appomattox, VA 24522
Dear Mr. Vaughan:

Goodness knows how many times I have thought about you and your staff and the wonderful cooperation you have given to our forestry people working in your circulation area. Just this morning I received forestry news clippings for your editions dated July 21, August 4, August 18, October 24 and one that had to do with the school program which was probably in early October. Your willingness to print the forestry story means a great deal to our people and hopefully is of value to your readers.

I am not telling you something you don't already know when I say forest resource in Appomattox County "pumps" dollars into the County's economic system. Because of this, we must manage the resource wisely and protect it from fire, insects and diseases. That is part of what the Division of Forestry stands for and because of your efforts in publicizing our interests in this resource, the readers know who to call on for assistance.

Thanks a million for your long-time dedication to forest conservation.

Sincerely yours,
E. E. Rodger, Chief
Forestry Relations

1200 Fourth Ave.
Farmville, Va. 23901
November 2, 1977

The Editor
Appomattox Times-Virginian
Appomattox, Va. 24522
Dear Sir:

THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE NEUTRON BOMB

The deployment of the neutron bomb provides the United States with an excellent opportunity to defend Western Europe, especially West Germany, against the invading Russian forces. Since this new tactical nuclear weapon -- the neutron bomb -- would destroy the invading Warsaw Pact forces, the government of the Soviet Union would be far less inclined to invate Western Europe.

Therefore, the Russian Communists and the American opponents of the neutron bomb have attacked this new tactical nuclear weapon in order to influence the American public opinion against the deployment and use of the neutron bomb.

All kinds of American self-styled liberals and humanitarians picture the deployment of the neutron bomb as being a part of an outlook that places greater value on property than lives. In fact, those pseudo liberals have frequently showed us their pro-communist attitude. They have studiously refrained from condemning or even mentioning the mass murders committed by the Russian and other Eastern European Communists in the Ukraine, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and other countries in Eastern Europe. They are likewise silent about the recent barbaric mass murders committed by the Communists in Cambodia.

Since the Communists respect only force, the United States should deploy the neutron bomb without any delay in order to prevent the invasion of Western Europe by the Soviet Union and the starting of a global nuclear war.

Sincerely yours,
Dr. Alexander V. Berkis

THE YOUNG HEARTS CLUB

The Young Hearts' Club will go to Holiday Inn, South, Lynchburg, Va. for a buffet luncheon Nov. 17 at 12 o'clock. Please everyone meet at Memorial United Methodist Church at 11 o'clock to make sure everyone has a ride for the benefit of the ones who were not at the last meeting. If you would like to go, contact Helen Gunter by Monday as reservations have to be made.

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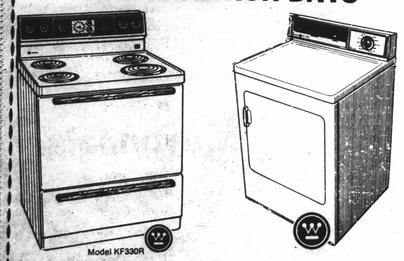
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The Pastor Speaks

The prophet Daniel was privileged to see a vision of the glory of God. But notice how he describes how this affected him, in Dan. 10:8, **"There remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength."**

There is no room for a "holier than thou" attitude in the heart of a true follower of Christ. In fact, the closer you come to Jesus, the more faulty you will appear in your own eyes; for your spiritual vision will be clearer, and your imperfections will be seen in distinct contrast to the perfection of His Character. This is clear evidence that Satan's delusions have lost their power, and that the life giving influence of the Spirit of God is arousing you.

No deep-seated love for Jesus can dwell in the heart that does not recognize its own sinfulness. The person that is transformed by the grace of Christ will admire His divine character; but if we do not see our own moral deformity, it is unmistakable evidence that we have not had a view of the beauty and excellence of Christ.

The less we see to esteem in ourselves, the more we shall see to esteem in the infinite purity and loveliness of our Savior. A view of our sinfulness drives us to Him who can pardon; and when the soul, realizing its helplessness, reaches out after Christ, He will reveal Himself in power. The more our sense of need drives us to Him and to the Word of God, the more exalted views we shall have of His character, and the more fully we shall reflect His image.

Hans Varmeg, Pastor
Appomattox Seventh-Day
Adventist Church

PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU

Monday, November 14
Hot Dog on Bun, Pork and Beans, Slaw, Cake, Sauce
Tuesday, November 15
Ravioli, Buttered Corn, Apple Sauce, Pudding, Topping, Milk, Roll, Butter
Wednesday, November 16
Beef Hash, Buttered Rice, Green 'Peas, Fruit, Roll, Butter, Milk
Thursday, November 17
Hamburger on Bun, String Beans, Potato Chips, Fruit, Milk
Friday, November 18
Fish Sticks, Mixed Greens, Potato Puffs, Milk, Ice Cream, Roll, Butter

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons
BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

THE IGNORED WARNING

Lesson for November 13, 1977

Background Scripture:
Luke 14:12-14
19-31; James 2: 1-7
Devotional Reading:
Mark 6:30-44

Rev. Althouse

Mr. Christian Dives rose unsteadily to his feet. Although he had never been drunk in his life—not even tipsy, as a matter of fact—there were times when he ate so much that his brain seemed numb and his body unresponsive to him. This was one of those times.

Although on the table before him every one of the dishes and platters that covered the large table were empty or nearly empty, the little food they held seemed to nauseate him. He had done it again—stuffed himself to the point of acute discomfort.

Turning from the table he picked up the evening paper and lurched to a soft easy chair in the corner. Sinking into the chair with a serious of sighs and burps, he thumbed through the newspaper, his eyes skipping past a pathetic picture of an African child and mother in the last stages of starvation. He had long ago programmed himself to ignore that sort of thing. It wasn't any of his concern. Popping a Di-Gel in his mouth, he turned to the sports page.

Send Lazarus

The imaginative story above is a simple updating of the first portion of Jesus' parable of Dives and Lazarus. Today we rarely have beggars sitting at our porches, but we still have people like the destitute Lazarus around us—sometimes no more than the distance to the television set and the evening news! In other words, we are Dives with more than enough for all our material needs and we are still surrounded by the Lazaruses of our world. If we are going to "get into" this parable of Jesus, we are the ones who need to picture ourselves in Hades' inferno with Dives. And it is in sharing his devilish anguish that we need to look into Paradise and see there in perfect and luxrious comfort and plenty the faces of those who once stared hungrily and miserable at us from tv screens, newspapers, and posters. With Dives we need to reach the horrifying conclusion that unshared abundance will untimately be the damnation of us.

If they do not hear

We can appreciate Lazes' frantic request to send Lazarus back from the dead to warn our loved ones who, like us, continue to live in the midst of plenty without thought of those who are destitute. It seems logical to conclude that, "if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." But the Lord knows his children: "If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if one should rise from the dead." In other words, it is not that we don't know better, but that despite what we know we still choose to ignore the Lazarus on out doorstep. We have sermons, scriptures, books, pictures and films—if we can manage to ignore these (and we do), we will find some way to ignore a Lazarus risen from the dead. Did not Christ rise from the dead, and don't we still ignore his warning?

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MT. AIRY NEWS

On Highway 26 there will be a yard sale at the home of Mrs. Rosa Humbles.

Psalm 95, Chapter 1, O come let us sing unto the Lord, Let us make a joyful noise to the rocks of our salvation.

On the third Sunday, November 20, 1977 the Mt. Airy Senior Choir is sponsoring a choir festival at 2:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited. Pastor, Rev. H. W. Pryor.

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Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. Acts 16:31.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McVetty of Michigan are visiting her mother, Mrs. Elsie Thornhill. So good to have them at Hebron Sunday.

All of us are so glad to have Mrs. Edna Carson back at Church Sunday. Our wish is she will continue to improve.

All of us give thanks for the fine rain we are having.

Mrs. Bertha Jones and Richard visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Harrison of Appomattox took his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harrison to Blanch, N. C. Sunday to visit his brother.

We are all so concerned over the condition of Mrs. Melvin Stratton. Mr. Melvin Stratton is at the nursing home at Spout Spring.

Rev. Edgar Mitchell wife and sons spent the week end with their daughter, Mrs. Bob Spencer at Virginia Beach, Virginia. Also visited his sister.

Mr. Billy King is on a two week furlough before he will go to Korea for 3 years. He is with his wife and boys who live at Thomas Terrace. All spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. G. King, also Mr. and Mrs. Irby King and family.

Mrs. Andrew Elliott and Mark Scott spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Thompson near Charlottesville, Virginia.

CLOVER HILL

"Upon this rock I build my church."

A large crowd attended the final rites for the late Mr. Travis Jones on last Saturday at the New Store Baptist Church.

Friends were very glad to see Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ellison and daughter back here in Virginia last week. They are from Great Neck, N.Y.

Mr. Henry Pankey, Mr. Welton Pankey, Mr. Lee Pankey spent last week end here to attend the final rites for their brother-in-law, Mr. Travis Jones.

May God bless all the sick and shut-in love ones.

BECKHAM

OCTOBER 28 - Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin had a fish fry at their home Saturday evening. Many of their relatives and friends were there.

Mr. Carl Martin visited Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Stover O. Glesby, Mrs. Nancy Peters, Bryan Peters, Ray Phelps and Tracey Tweedy visited Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Martin and boys Sunday.

Nov. 4 Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin, Mrs. Geraldine Moore and Gwen were Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Yeatts and Gary of Crewe.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tibbs recently visited Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin.

Melanie Morris is spending today with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Tuck.

Ida Moore is visiting Tracey and Jennifer Schmutz.

Mrs. Kenneth Jenkins and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Young Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Moore spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and Jerry.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Tuck visited Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moore and Timmy Wednesday

JUNIOR FFA TEAM WON IN CONTEST

The Appomattox Junior Chapter Future Farmers of America Dairy Team went to Rustburg for the Dairy Judging Contest. The contest was made up of several FFA Chapters around the Southside Area. The Appomattox team won the Junior Division by a wide margin.

Jim Hix, center above, was the high individual in the contest with a score of 241 points. Robert Hubbard, right above, and Billy Winston, left above, were the other members of the team, coached by Jesse Morgan.

Doug Powell,
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